

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Muller et al.**
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Examiner: **Augustine, Nicholas**
Art Unit: **2179**
Title: **Compact Interface for the Display and Navigation of Object Hierarchies**

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On 12 February 2009, Applicants' representative, Agent Matthew Pinckney, conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Augustine representing the Office. On 18 February 2009, the Office mailed its Interview Summary. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

During the interview, the rejection of claim 1 as being unpatentable over Roberge et al. ("Roberge") and Peters et al. ("Peters") was discussed. More particularly, Applicants' representative and Examiner Augustine discussed Peters, specifically at FIG. 4, and its corresponding description. Further, Applicants' representative explained

his opinion on how a proposed amendment might overcome the rejection based upon Peters.

Applicants subsequently filed an Amendment, on 12 February 2009. Claim amendments contained therein reflect portions of the Interview of 12 February 2009.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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